

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>	<i>1991-92 (Provisional)</i>
15.	Nagaland	-	-	2.00
16.	Orissa	934.79	1211.14	1384.93
17.	Punjab	32.21	50.62	43.86
18.	Rajasthan	445.33	368.32	380.28
19.	Tamil Nadu.	4390.41	3624.64	4005.00
20.	Tripura	129.67	101.47	26.63
21.	Uttar Pradesh	3191.32	4499.84	3317.34
22.	West Bengal	1901.65	1573.86	761.56

Disease in Coffee Plants in Karnataka

6018. SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas affected by the disease in coffee plants in Karnataka and the extent of loss suffered or likely to be suffered; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Coffee Board to prevent spread of berry-borer disease in coffee plants in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Coffee Leaf Rust is one of the major diseases which affect arabica coffee. Besides some other minor diseases such as Koleroga, Anthracnose also affect coffee. During the year the areas affected and crop loss on account of this disease in Karnataka has negligible/minimal.

(b) The Coffee Board has taken a series of steps to contain the berry borer pest by creating awareness among the growers for

adopting timely chemical control measures such as spraying of Endosulfan 35EC, removal and burying of infested plants if the infestation is confined to few plant in a Estate and scrupulous collecting of gleanings etc. Apart from the above, pesticides have been supplied to the Kodagu district to make available the same to the growers affected areas at 50% subsidised cost for taking up timely spray.

[Translation]

Filling up Vacant Posts by Banks

6019. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies below the rank of Branch Manager in nationalised banks and State Bank of India and its associated banks at present, and since when these posts are lying unfilled, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Information is being collected, and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Outstanding Loan Against D.T.C.

6020. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan advanced by the Union Government to D.T.C. outstanding as on March 31, 1992;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to write off this loan in view of the financial crisis being faced by D.T.C.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 31.3.92, loans amounting to Rs. 651.38 crores are outstanding against DTC.

(b) and (c). No decision has been taken to write off the loans advanced to DTC.

[English]

Prosecution of Persons Involved in alleged Unauthorised Transfer of Fund

6021. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA
KAUR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred

Question No. 3653 on December 13, 1991 and state:

(a) the reasons for non-execution of detention orders in time and the action taken against the persons responsible therefor;

(b) the number of persons against whom persecution proceedings have since been completed; and

(c) the action taken so far against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The detention orders could not be executed in this case as documents running into several thousand pages could not be photocopied in time. Moreover, it was planned to execute the orders in respect of all these persons simultaneously as they belonged to a single group but this could not be done due to the difficulty of getting several thousand pages photocopied in time. Later, due to the delay in the execution of the orders, it was felt that there was on live link and it was decided to launch prosecution proceeding expeditiously. Therefore, the question of taking action against persons responsible does not arise.

(b) and (c). The prosecution proceedings have been launched in 1986 under section 56 of the F.E.R.A, 1973 against 11 persons out of which two cases have been discharged by the Court and the remaining cases are pending at the trial stage in the Court.

[Translation]

Export of Footwears and Footwear Components

6022. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: